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## WULKAN FILES LIBEL SUIT

New York, Dec. 29.—Marcus Wulkau, who was referred to by Sir Hartley Shawcross during the recent Tribunal hearings in London, announced today that his lawyers will file suit for \$250,000 for libel against the British Iron and Steel Corporation, Limited.

The case concerns an alleged publication of material referring to Wulkau by the Corporation. Mr. Wulkau stated that Sir Hartley referred to this material during the Tribunal.

### 14-PAGE PAPER TOMORROW

Saturday being New Year's Day, the normal 14-page Saturday Telegraph will be published instead tomorrow (Friday). It will be on sale shortly after 11 a.m.

There will be no publication of the Telegraph on Saturday, and no issue of the South China Morning Post on Sunday.

Both papers will resume publication next Monday.

Members of the law firm handling the case told Reuter that nothing has been filed as yet but that papers are going to Albany, the capital of New York State, tonight. An official said that since the Corporation has no offices here service is effected by serving papers on New York's Secretary of State or his deputy.

An official said action would take place in the Supreme Court, New York County (Manhattan)—Reuter.

## Stalin Is Both Charming, Rude

Burtonwood, Lancashire, Dec. 20.—The United States Ambassador to Russia, General Walter Bedell Smith, told American soldiers here tonight that Stalin had "a charming personality" when he chose, but could also be very rude if he liked.

General Bedell Smith added that Stalin was always "correct and courteous" when he saw him a few months ago. Stalin looked "very fit and well."

General Bedell Smith is on his way from Moscow to the United States. It has been reported in Moscow that he might resign when he arrived home. He has been in ill-health for some time—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## Playing A Vital Role

In some quarters there is not always a clear conception of Britain's positive role as a participating nation in the European Recovery Programme. The quite mistaken idea that Britain is a reluctant partner in the cause of Western Union seems to have arisen because certain responsible British statesmen have stressed in their public speeches that Britain cannot become part of a movement for the greater integration and unification of the European economy without at the same time remembering its other responsibilities, especially those to the Commonwealth countries. Yet nothing could describe more aptly not only the attitude of Britain towards Western Union, but also the solid contribution which Britain has made up to date towards the cause of European economic co-operation. It is, of course, right that Britain should take a predominant part in helping the re-equipping and re-stocking of European industry. Britain is, far and away, the largest industrial power in Western Europe. Even before the war the industrial output of Britain was one-third greater than that of Western Germany, twice that of France, and three times that of Italy. And Britain's lead in 1948 is immeasurably greater than it was in 1938. That industrial output is now being harnessed to the task of European economic reconstruction. This year, 1948, Britain promised to import 5,000,000 tons of coal to OEEC countries, and the shipments up to the present are well up to schedule. In the first half of 1948 British exports of metals and engineering products to OEEC countries were nearly £24,000,000, or more than double the figure for the previous six months. Sterling area oil is being sent to Europe this year.

## AIRLINER STILL MISSING

Miami, Florida, Dec. 29.—A United States charter airliner, with 30 people on board, including two babies, was still missing today, 24 hours after it was reported lost on a flight from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Miami.

Hope of finding the plane, which made its last radio signal when it was only 50 miles from here, was fading today.

A fleet of 37 Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard planes fanned out at dawn over the Florida peninsula and the Eastern Gulf of Mexico and a Naval blimp (a small airship) from Key West also joined the search but all reported "no results"—Reuter.

## Give Us Some Water

ONE Christmas Box which Government could very easily have given the public was a full water supply during the holidays. But there is still time to make this gesture and have it appreciated. New Year celebrations start tomorrow and an unrestricted water supply until next Monday would make a welcome gift to mark the occasion. The full supply is usually restored for Chinese New Year and today, almost as many Chinese celebrate the Gregorian calendar holidays as their own historical observances. On that score alone the lifting of water restrictions during the coming weekend would be justified. Little parties are inevitable during the New Year celebrations, and with the existing restrictions in force they make it impossible for anybody to refresh themselves with a bath or a shower after they have returned home. There is still time for the Water Authority to "do the right thing" by the public and add a little more bodily comfort to the process of seeing in the New Year.

## CONDITION FOR FREEDOM

"It will, of course, remain necessary to act against disturbing elements who, either individually or collectively, endanger public security or interfere with or prevent the supply of food and other essential commodities to the needy population," Mr. Van Royen said.

The release of Mr. Soekarno and other top leaders, he said, will be made "on the understanding that the persons concerned will refrain from activities endangering the public security."

Several delegates said this would subject the Indonesian leaders to an undignified requirement.

However, Britain's delegate, Mr. P. S. Fulla, welcomed the Dutch statement and urged the Council to adjourn in the hope the Netherlands will take steps conforming to United Nations wishes.

The Security Council thereupon wound up its Paris session and prepared to move to New York where it will meet again next month—Associated Press.

## GUERRILLAS ATTACK

Batavia, Dec. 29.—The clandestine Republican Radio in Java today reported scattered guerrilla attacks on Dutch forces in western Java. The radio said that one attack against a 20 truck Dutch motor convoy killed 22 Dutch soldiers.

The Radio warned that unless the Security Council takes strong action against the Netherlands, the Indonesians will begin "large scale guerrilla activities."

The fanatical extremist leader, Major General Tomo, personally went on the air to urge the population to resist. As leader of the so-called suicide troops, General Tomo hoped to provoke daring raids against the Dutch.

## AIRLIFT GIFT



## DUTCH TO STOP JAVA FIGHTING ON FRIDAY NIGHT

### Announcement Made To Security Council

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Netherlands told the United Nations Security Council on Wednesday it would stop fighting in Java by midnight on Friday and in Sumatra two or three days later.

Several delegates, including Mr. Philip Jessup of the United States, immediately called the Dutch action defiance of the United Nations.

The statement by Dutch delegate, Mr. Jan Herman Van Royen, replied to Tuesday's Security Council order giving the Dutch 24 hours to release captive Indonesian Republican leaders, and calling on a consular commission in Batavia to report on the Netherlands compliance with the Christmas Eve order for a cease fire in Indonesia.

Replying to the Council's demand for immediate release of Indonesian Republican leaders, including President Soekarno and Premier Mohamed Hatta, Mr. Van Royen said they would be freed if they promised not to endanger "public security."

Mr. Van Royen's answer was given just an hour after the 24-hour deadline.

Several delegates charged, in speeches that the Dutch, in both repulses, refused to comply with the council's orders, but no specific action was taken or attempted.

## "CYNICAL REQUEST"

Syria's delegate, Mr. Faris el Khouri, said it seemed Holland had "asked your generals 'how soon do you think you will be finished' and gave their reply as the date for the end of operations against the Indonesians."

Mr. Jacob Malik, the Russian delegate, termed the Dutch reply "a cynical request by the aggressor for two or three days more to kill off its victim completely."

India's M. J. Desai charged that the Netherlands "have selected all that the terms" Council ordered. He said the reply came on "the very hour" it should have announced.

It condemned the "action of the Dutch imperialists in renewing their colonial war against the Indonesian people."

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Ceylon Indian Congress, the Communist Party, the Trotskyist Lanka Sama Samaj Party, and the Leninist Bolshevik Party—Reuter.

## MELBOURNE DECISION

Melbourne, Dec. 29.—Melbourne seamen, ship painters and dockers voted to boycott Dutch ships.

Wharf labourers decided to handle Dutch ships if none of their cargo is destined for Indonesia. Mr. W. Bird, Secretary of the Seamen's Union, said no tugs would be provided for three Dutch vessels in the bay. They are the Nieuw Holland, Abboerk and the tanker Cistula.—Associated Press.

## Taxi Pickets Turn Out In Full Force

## Well Controlled By Kowloon Police

Striking taxi driver pickets turned out in full force at the Star Ferry approach this morning in an attempt to persuade drivers operating the 40 odd taxis at the ferry to throw in their hands.

No incidents were reported, due largely to efficient police supervision.

About 300 pickets, wearing arm bands, were on duty at the ferry wharf approach, and Police permitted one picket to speak to each driver on duty.

The remainder of the pickets were kept under control on the roadside.

To meet any emergency that might arise, Police riot squads were sent from Shamshui Po and other areas to the Water Police station and during the morning they camped themselves in the compound.

Judged from the number of taxis which maintained the service at the Star Ferry, none of the drivers succumbed to the appeals of the pickets.

The Industrialists were members

## Receives His Decoration



## PALESTINE CEASE FIRE ORDERED

### JEWISH TROOPS INVADE EGYPT

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Security Council, after hearing a British report that the Jewish troops invaded Egypt, today ordered a ceasefire in Palestine, troop withdrawal to the old truce lines in Negoy, and immediate armistice negotiations.

The Council approved the British resolution embracing a broad directive on Palestine after Mr. Harold Beecy (UK) electrified it with a report that Israeli troops penetrated some 20 miles into Egypt along the coastal road.

The sensational report raised the question of invocation of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty signed in 1936 binding each to come to the "immediate" aid of the other in case that either is involved in war.

The resolution instructed the Council's Palestine Committee to meet at Lake Success on January 7 to report whether Israel and Egypt had complied with the new orders. If either side failed to do so, the Council, under previous resolutions, then would consider the possibility of applying sanctions.

## UN SUPERVISION

As finally approved the resolution included a French amendment ordering Egypt and Israel to "allow and facilitate the complete supervision of the truce by United Nations observers."

The British resolution was adopted by the Council with eight votes for and three abstentions. The United States, Russia and the Ukraine abstained but the Soviets voted for a section calling for cease fire at once.

An American spokesman said the United States abstention was due to lack of orders from Washington. Before the vote, Mr. Beecy told the Council that word had just been received from the British Embassy in Cairo that the Israeli push into Egypt reached to within six miles of El Arish, a coastal town some 30 miles beyond the frontier at which fighting had been going on for several days.

The British report was the first public word of the alleged invasion from any source.

## SPOKESMAN'S DENIAL

An Israeli military spokesman in Tel-Aviv today insisted that no Jewish troops crossed the border. Heavily censored reports from Palestine reported fighting at the border, particularly in the coastal corridor between Khan Yunis and the border station of Rafah, less than five miles to the south.

The Israeli Army spokesman also said that "the campaign in Negoy reached the mop-up stage which was despatched direct to Mao-Tse-tung, the first such attempt by North Chinese Nationalist-controlled population.

In their identical communications to the Kuomintang and Communist heads, 81 signatures declared that the civil strife had already caused a tremendous loss of life and property and inflicted untold miseries to the masses in the country.

Its continuance has become meaningless and it will only defeat its own purpose.

"Knowing you have the interest of the people at heart, we venture to believe that you are in complete sympathy with the popular peace," said the appeal.—Reuter.

## U.S. Private Industry Wants Bigger Say Atomic Energy Production

Washington, Dec. 29.—Eight prominent industrialists today called on the Atomic Energy Commission to let industry play a "greatly expanded" role in the development and production of atomic energy.

The Commission replied that "it was anxious to do so, but had to consider problems secretly to give first attention to national defence."

The Commission chairman (Mr. David Lilienthal) disclosed in the meantime that the Hanford (Washington) atomic plant had nearly broken down when the Commission took over the station's atomic programme two years ago. He said his group had had to concentrate on preventing any break in the plant's operation, which he said was now taken care of.

1. That the Commission put fragmentary and scattered information already made public into a form useful to industry, that it publish a vast amount of non-secret information of potential value to industry and that it remove secrecy wraps

from all information of value to industry that was possible.

2. That the Commission develop a broad programme for the clearance of engineers, technologists and executives in interested industries so they could keep up with atomic developments. The industries cited were chemical, petroleum, power, heat, transfer equipment, metallurgical and instrumental.

3. That the Commission should set up a permanent general industrial advisory committee with as many as 20 members, together with a special temporary advisory industrial committee on specific problems. The purpose would be to help the Commission solve its problems as well as to bring industry into "personal contact" with atomic problems.—United Press.

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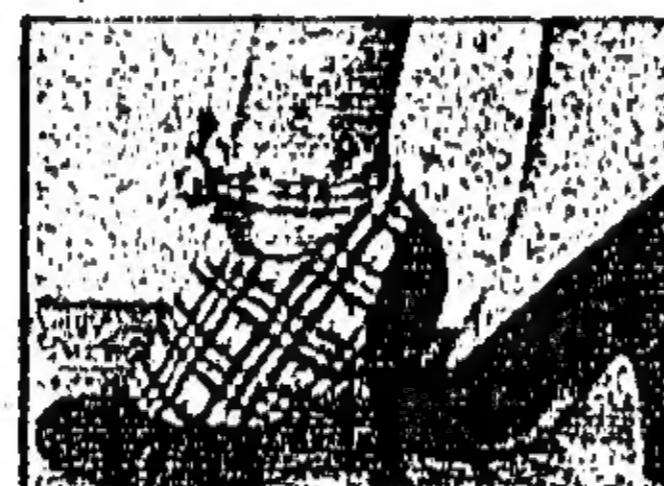
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# WOMANSENSE

*Robb gets a cocktail level view of the arrival of 'cosy spats' from Paris*



SPATS—talking point accessory of the last Paris dress shows—were catching on in London. Robb spotted these three styles at a West End cocktail bar. They are made in velvet, plain or checked, in bright colours, with tie-on ankle straps and bows. And no buttons. Advantages: They can be bought in rainproof fabric. They can be copied—once you have a pair—and made up to match your frocks. They turn a plain court shoe into a fashionable bootie like this:



...And Dior  
may follow  
the spats

by ANNE EDWARDS

CHRISTIAN Dior, fashion famous from London to Argentine, is expected to link up his Paris house with a London dress manufacturer.

The report which has been a cross-channel rumour since the summer, became "almost certain" when his Paris competitor, Lanvin, announced a similar tie-up.

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The reason is that Dior is maddened by the sight of Dior crazy British women who spend £150 million a year on clothes (nearly of them Dior inspired) while he makes nothing out of it. His hold on British fashion is astonishing, since one in ten thousand British women has ever seen a Dior frock.

British patronage at his Paris house is negligible, for £200 frocks cannot be sold to a visitor with a £35 limit on spending. If he starts a model house in London his prices might still sharply limit the number of people who can buy the Dior label.

One guess is that Dior will tie up with a mass-producing firm, design models exclusively for them and take a share of the profits. Since the British are as good at "mass-making" as the French are at designing, it is time they got together. It would scotch the copyists who take a hundred Dior ideas every six months for the price of one dress.

## HOLIDAY TIDBITS

HERE'S a batch of holiday suggestions that starts off with the idea of holiday cookies. As the freshly baked cookies come from the oven, brush them first with egg white, then press bits of red and green gum drops into the egg white.

For wonderful tidbits, stuff pitted dates with bits of lined or glazed pineapple; roll leftover pastry very thin. Wrap each date in pastry, place on a shallow pan with the folded side down. Bake in hot oven (450 F.) until golden brown. Use dates, too, for such holiday items as penguins, mice as place-card holders, or favours. Wrap some in tin foil, or sugar them, for hanging. Take a pitted date and open it wide. Cut a portion from a marshmallow and insert it so that it is plainly visible. Use two small round gumdrops for feet, and a raisin for head, attaching to body with toothpicks. That's all, but very, very amusing!

Draw "faces" on gingerbread cookies, by dipping a toothpick into uncoked frosting and drawing on the requisite "eyes, nose and mouth." Uncoked frosting is easily made by mixing confectioners' sugar with butter and enough cream to moisten.

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## It's The Hair

### That Makes The Woman

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD.—It's the hair, not the clothes, that makes the woman, Doris Day, is ready to swear.

Miss Day spent two weeks as a blonde, and even her own mother didn't know her.

"It was simply unbelievable," Miss Day said. "For two weeks I was practically a stranger."

Miss Day switched from blonde to blonde for two sequences of "Two Guys and a Girl" (Warner Bros.) a film about life in Hollywood. In one blonde sequence she has a dream; in the other she impersonates a French music hall star in an effort to become film star.

Miss Day's mother, Mrs. Alma Kappelhoff, visiting her from Cincinnati, had the first surprise.

"The first day I was a blonde, I went home at noon to get something which I forgot," said Miss Day. "Mother was talking on the phone when I went in."

"She turned round, looked at me as if I were a complete stranger, and said:

"Doris won't be home until this evening; she's working at the studio."

"I had forgotten all about the hair. 'Why, Mother, it's me,' I said.

"Good heavens," said Mother, "what have you done to yourself?"

Mrs. Kappelhoff was glad to learn the change was only temporary.

Even the director, Michael Curtiz, who should have known better, was confused by Miss Day's hair.

"He walked right by me," she said, "and gave me one of those courteous hellos he gives everybody on the lot. I could tell by his expression he didn't have the faintest idea who I was."

"And to tell the truth, when I looked in the mirror, I wouldn't have recognised myself either."

## WINTER TWOSOME



From New York comes a new version of the evening blouse and skirt—now ankle length. Soft-shouldered blouse of black chantilly lace tucks inside a full skirt of heavy black satin tightly-belted at the waist.

## WEIGHT IS THE KEY TO HEALTH

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN,

NEARLY all of us like to watch our weight, not merely as a matter of curiosity but as an index of health; and it is true that either a sudden gain or a sudden loss in weight may have medical significance.

Weight loss is associated especially—with ailments affecting the stomach and bowel, and recent analyses of the case records of some 227 patients show it very often indicates the presence of organic trouble somewhere in the digestive tract.

### Weight Loss

Young people included in the study showed no weight loss. Most patients under the age of 20, who complained of gastro-intestinal troubles did not have any organic disease; that is, there was nothing actually amiss with the tissues of the stomach and bowel; though, for one reason or another, they did not function just as they should.

After the age of 60, weight loss in practically all instances meant organic trouble in patients of this age; organic changes are very likely to be at the root of this type of ailment whether or not there is weight loss.

Between the ages of 21 and 60—the age group which applied to most of the patients studied—the cause of weight loss was less definite. When no weight loss occurred, there was a 50-50 chance that the trouble was functional. In the presence of weight loss, however, the probability of organic disturbance was greater.

The study showed that, for every patient who had lost weight from a functional disorder, there were three with weight loss because of organic trouble.

### Organic Disease

A patient with organic disease, such as trouble with the gall-bladder or ulcers of the stomach or bowel, need not necessarily lose weight, but the study revealed that those with organic disease lost weight twice as often as did those with functional disorders.

In this group of patients, the number with cancer was very small; and of those with cancer, the only ones who showed much weight loss were those who had cancer of the stomach.

When a person has a complaint involving the stomach, intestines or gall-bladder, there always is need for a thorough examination by a physician, in order to discover not only the location but also the type of disorder present. Determining whether or not the patient has lost weight may be of some help in the diagnosis.

The study of the patient should include not only the determination of weight loss, but also careful X-ray examination of the stomach, bowel and gall-bladder and such laboratory tests as are indicated.

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## Sense Of Ownership

During their teens young people develop a sense of ownership, they want a certain degree of privacy and a place for possessions of their own. Making over an ordinary bedroom into a bed-sitting room can help to fill these needs nicely and give them a pleasant spot to entertain their friends without having the rest of the family underfoot. By letting teenagers plan and fix up a room, there is bestowed a sense of possession and pride that is character-developing.

There's no need for lavish layout. Remember that a youngster's

ideas of comfort and pleasant surroundings are vastly different from those of an adult.

Comfort to a youngster means plenty of parking space for games, hobby, and similar equipment. Lavishness means comfortable chairs, bright lamps and a table that can accommodate a beating.

Let the children have a hand in selecting the colour scheme and in buying the materials and accessories. Let them complete the room or room with an eye to their interests and hobbies.

## Sectional Lines

A desk, a chest, functional storage pieces built on sectional lines are available, unpainted, and it is fun doing them over a suit. Or make storage pieces out of old orange crates, painting them to fit in with the colour scheme. Pictures, a lounge chair, knick-knacks for the room can be taken care of by birthday and New Year presents, a good solution to the gift problem.

A youngster soon learns that fun is where you find it; so it is best that he or she finds it in the home, where, although, there is parental control, it is tactfully and unobtrusively soft-pedalled.

## A Good Skin Care Programme



After washing your face, use a liquid cleanser to compensate for the natural oil that is removed by the soap.

By HELEN FOLLETT

OLD-TIMERS sometimes cherish

the idea that soap and water

care is sufficient for the complexion.

Well, let them, that's their privilege.

But any beautician will tell

them that, in addition to the fundamental cleansing with soap, the cutaneous covering needs a cream of some sort to compensate for the natural oil that is removed.

Nature provides a lubricant so the skin sur-

face will not dry out and flake.

Often these little oil gushes, later

on the job. That's bad. The dry

skin is not only drawn and uncom-

fortable, but it is subject to pre-

mature wrinkles.

The woman who uses cosmetics

wisely has a more finished look to

her skin. Her face is better groomed.

The application of an emollient

necessitates friction, and friction

gives exercise to the underlying

fibres that must be kept firm.

If youthful facial contour is to survive.

And that is not all. Since women

have been following a beauty

routine, they stay young looking

longer. A bit of colouring on the cheeks and lips makes the face more vivid and interesting.

Have your soapy scrubbing, dry gently and play with the contents of the cream jar. Every morning, dash on cold water. As a skin tonic, cold water stands unchallenged. It is a splendid stimulant that rings the bell, and all the little blood streams wake up and go about their busi-

ness. If you need a complexion clean-up before dinner—as, of course, you will, if you are a career girl and have been on the job all day—you will find delightful lotions that perform as substitutes for soap and water. Easier to apply than cream that must be removed with tissues.

Some of these preparations are clear, colourless liquids; others are emulsions, thin, oily preparations that go on easily, shake off atmospheric dust and are quickly wiped away, leaving just enough of a film to make powder stick.



BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

## Right Way Of Cooking Fish

"CHEF, it's less than a quarter of

"May I know what Madame is

talking about?" he asked.

# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**SMOKE-CLOUDS**—Firemen in the foreground pour water on a two-alarm blaze as fellow fire-fighters enter the building by means of an aerial ladder. Considerable damage was caused by smoke in this fire in the heart of New York.



**ROSY FUTURE?**—Jimmy Jones, Calumet Farms' trainer, checks the condition of Coaltown before putting the sprint champion into training at Hialeah for the Florida racing season. Coaltown's stablemate and horse of the year, Citation, won the \$50,000 Tanforan Handicap on December 11.



**THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE**—Waiting for a train at Spandau West, in the British sector, these Berlin residents rest their bags of coal and potatoes. With dire shortages complicating the hardships of the winter, those living in the western sector run the blockade of Russian-sponsored police to procure needed items which they smuggle out to western zones.



**SHAPING NEW ACT**—Togare, the cat trainer, holds two hoops connected with canvas as a tiger goes through its paces in new act for a London circus.



**HORSE TRUCK IN BERLIN**—Dobbin pulls a truck on a Berlin street. Horses are scarce in the German capital, mostly because hay is, too. Petrol for private cars is scarcer.

**WINTER SEASON**—Janie Strickland cools her feet in the refreshing waters at Vero Beach, Florida. Just about the time the northern states are preparing for the winter season, many a fortunate lass and lad take advantage of the warmer climate further south.



**AN ARTIST'S MEDIUM**—Sculptors Frank Dult and wife, Betty, use lard as their material in fashioning these figurines for International Livestock Show in Chicago. When completed, 350 pounds of lard will depict 10 little pigs cavorting in a square dance while mother pig looks on.

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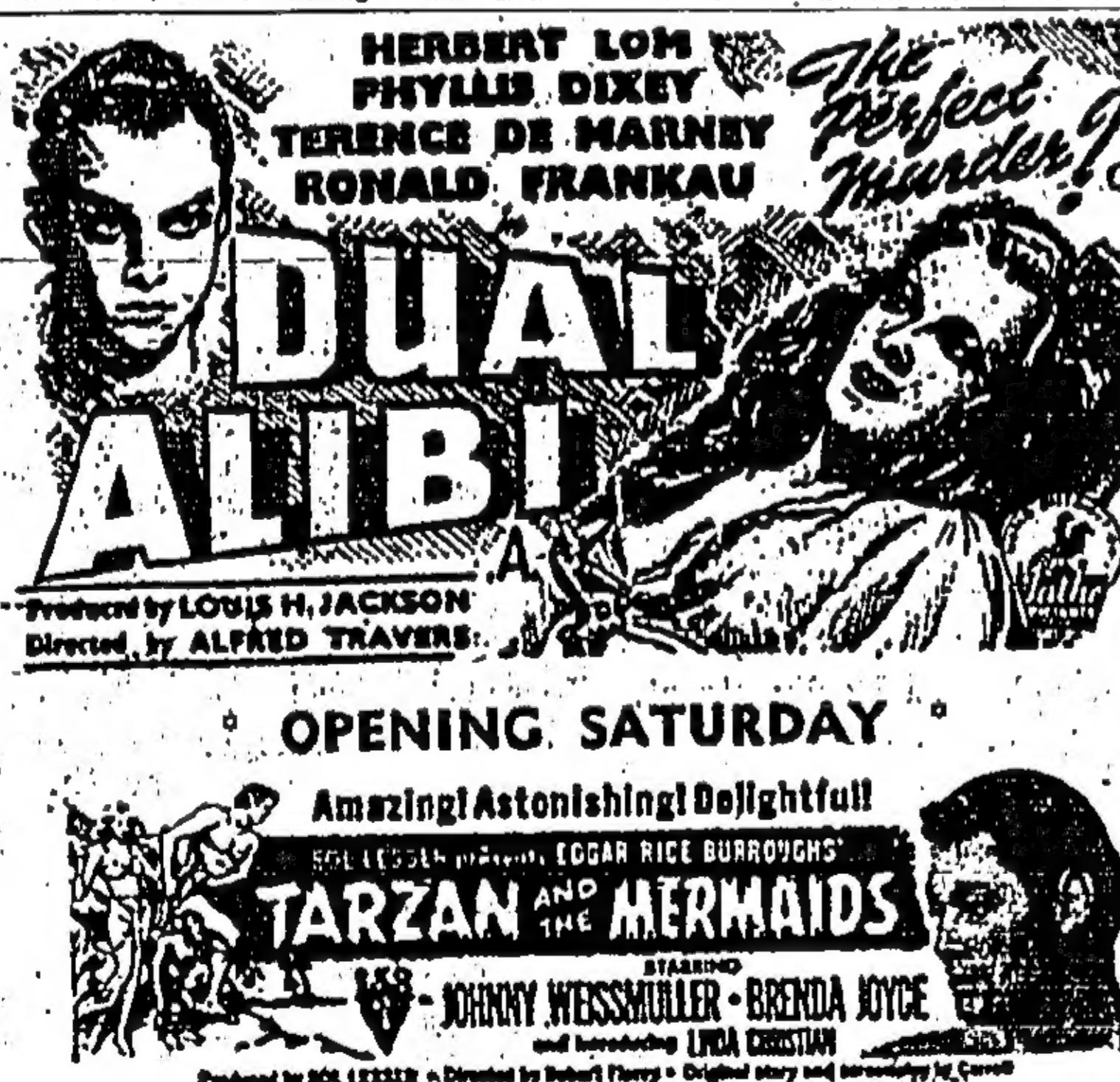
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## PART FIVE

By EMIL LUDWIG

**T**HIS decisive factor of World War II was the attitude of Hitler's allies. If the Japanese had not attacked Pearl Harbour, the United States might never have entered the war.

And if Stalin had refrained from occupying Bessarabia, Hitler would not have felt threatened in the east; he would—so he said himself—have attacked England, never have started the Russian war, and probably would have gained victory.

Stalin's attitude towards Germany was always wavering between sympathy and dislike.

Though I hadn't asked him about it, he said, as kind of statement during our interview: "The Russian people like the German people."

And when I asked him why, he simply replied: "It's a fact."

It seems that, in the early thirties, some of Stalin's comrades thought of using that popular sentiment for concluding an alliance with the Germans.

Together with about sixteen other Bolshevik leaders, Trotsky and Radek were suspected of trying to negotiate such a pact, or at any rate Stalin could make them look like suspects.

This was his great chance, for, as it happened, those men had more or less always sided with Trotsky.

**THE GREAT PURGE**

In the great Moscow trial of 1937 Stalin could proffer no proofs, nor had he any witnesses. But, as a result of Russian psychological reaction and his own tactics, he got all the confessions he wanted, twelve or thirteen top-conspirators were executed.

This was Stalin's vengeance. It was also an act of personal prudence. Politically it was not, for two years later he concluded with the Germans the same pact with the planning of which he had charged his comrades.

He had them killed, accusing them of "high treason." But every abortive revolutionary action is high treason; only success turns it into law.

If what Stalin did do can still go under the name of justice, it was the justice of revolutionaries.

The new constitution which Stalin had voted into existence by the Soviet Congress goes way beyond the first constitution as directed by Lenin.

Roosevelt took a great interest in that document, and even said that the now Russian constitution was the best one in existence.

In fact, it compares favourably with the French "Rights of Man," its originators having been able, to be sure, to make use of the intervening hundred and fifty years of enlightenment.

**IMPERIALISM**

BUT the Soviet Constitution, so recently proclaimed by Stalin, has never been put into practice.

While the French Revolution gave the citizens liberty without giving them equality, the Russian Revolution gave them equality without giving them freedom.

But within that decade (1930-1940) Russia not only developed her communism, but also her nationalism, and with it her imperialism.

In taking back from Finland and Poland certain territories which once belonged to Czarist Russia, Stalin and the Soviets proved that their

brotherhood does not interfere with their patriotism, so Stalin, by embarking on an expansionist Russian nationalism, wanted to show to the people that his own ambitions for Russia were second to none.

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# H.K. RESIDENTS RECEIVE KING'S HONOURS

## Ceremony At Govt. House This Morning

Insignia of honours awarded to local residents for public service, devotion to duty, gallantry during the Pacific war and during the Japanese occupation, were presented by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, KCMG, in the ball room of Government House this morning in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering. Many of the awards were for services rendered to the British Army Aid Group during the occupation period.

His Excellency, accompanied by Capt A. P. F. Wilson, ADC, wore full dress uniform with sword while the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, wearing full-bottomed wig, read the citations. His Honour was accompanied on the dais by Mr L. Alltree, Mace-Bearer.

Seated in the front row were Lady Gibson, Commodore and Mrs C. L. Robertson, Brigadier and Mrs A. de Burgh-Morris, Air Commodore and Mrs A. D. Davies, Bishop Hall, Bishop Vailorto, the Colonial Secretary (The Hon D. M. Macdougal), Lucy Anne Huniok and Mrs Scott.

First to mount the dais was the Hon Sir Man-kam Lo, Kt, CBE, who received the insignia of Knight Bachelor. Sir Man-kam was sponsored by Sir Shouton Chow and Sir Robert Ho Tung.

**FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**

The citation accompanying Sir Man-kam's knighthood, reads: "Sir Man-kam Lo is the senior member of an old Hongkong family distinguished for their public work. A man of independent outlook, he has given himself wholeheartedly to the service of the public for many years. Since the reoccupation he has devoted himself almost entirely to public affairs, without regard to his own private interests."

The insignia of the CBE was presented to Mr Herbert John Collar, who was Chairman of the British Residents' Association at the outbreak of war. He was accompanied on the dais by the Hon. A. Morse, CBE, and the Hon. D. J. Sless, CBE.

Mr Collar, the citation stated, was Camp Representative at the Haiphong Road Internment Camp in Shanghai. Before his internment, he played a big part in the direction of the war effort of the British community in Shanghai and in the period between Pearl Harbour and the interment of the British Community was active in the provision of relief and in assisting the Swiss Consular authorities in their task of protecting the interests of the large British community in Shanghai.

Other recipients of awards, who included several members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, were:

### OBE

Lt COL Trugwell Home-Robinson awarded the OBE in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma during the war.

Commander Richard John Vernall awarded the OBE for gallantry for service in contact with the enemy whilst a Prisoner of War.

Mr Chan Kwan-po, awarded the OBE in recognition of his courageous and successful efforts to preserve the Hongkong University Library during the Japanese occupation.

Mr Benjamin Wong Tape, awarded the OBE for his valuable public services, extending over many years, in the Colony.

Lt Col. Harry Owen Hughes, OBE joined the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps in 1924 and is still serving. He took a leading part in the building up of the Corps in the 1920s and has worked indefatigably ever since to maintain its strength and efficiency.

### MBE (MILITARY)

Sgt. Major Frederick Charles Jones, awarded the MBE for meritorious services to his fellow prisoners in a Japanese prison camp and also for untiring work in connection with repatriation and demobilisation arrangements of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps immediately after the re-occupation.

Warrant Officer II. Manassah Nat Rakhi awarded the MBE for his services in compiling individual records for all Volunteers in Camp, and for services rendered at Headquarters on the very difficult problem of Records immediately after the re-occupation.

Captain Alberto Maria Rodrigues joined the HKVDC in 1939 and has a fine record in the Corps, not only before and during hostilities, but also during captivity when his untiring energy and devotion to the welfare of his fellow prisoners earned him the gratitude of all ranks. Since liberation he has continued to devote much of his time and professional services to looking after needy volunteers and their families.

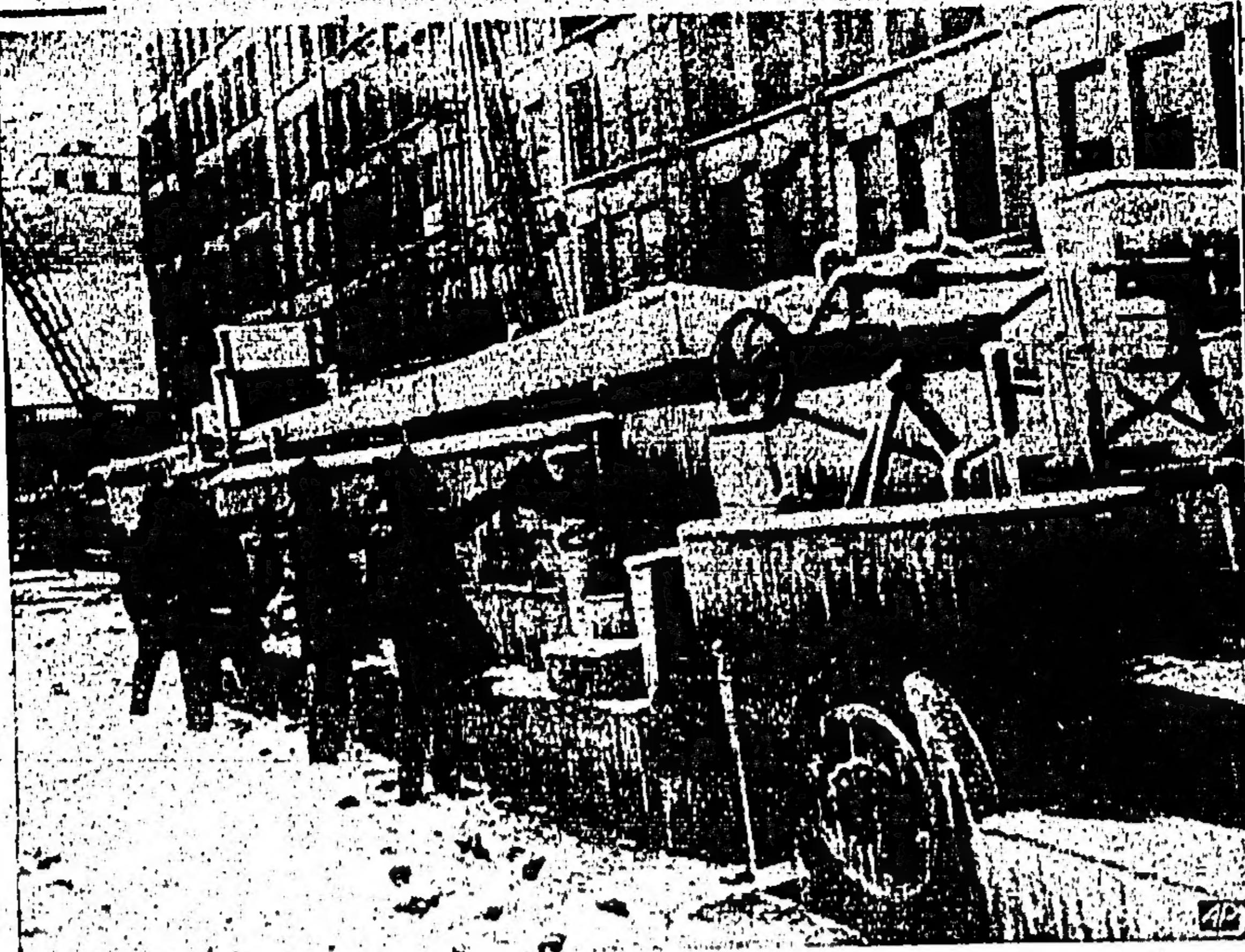
### MBE (CIVIL DIV.)

Mr Henry Edward Swaine, awarded the MBE for his courage and devotion to duty when, as fourth engineer of the ss Kingyan he remained in the stockhold in spite of grave danger, until he was ordered to abandon ship.

Mr Yeoh Teik-ee, awarded the MBE for services rendered during military operations in the Far East.

Mr Chan Mak-Hau, awarded the MBE for conspicuously fine work as Divisional Officer in the Hongkong Auxiliary Fire Service, and for courage and devotion to duty under enemy fire.

## Cold Weather Decorates Fire Truck



This hook and ladder truck called to fight a fire in an empty cold storage warehouse in Chicago became encrusted with icicles during sub-freezing weather recently.—AP Picture.

### Pearl Harbour Bombs Didn't Surprise HIM!

New York, Dec. 29.—Ricardo Rivera Schreiber, pro-war Peruvian Minister to Japan, has claimed that he knew of the planned Japanese attack on the United States 11 months before Pearl Harbour.

He said he learned of the plans from Japanese members of his staff in 1940 and from anti-militarists, including Professor Yoshida of the University of Tokyo.

Mr Schreiber said he took his information to the United States Ambassador, Joseph Grew, on January 26 and Mr Grew, in his presence, composed a cable to the State Department in Washington:

"I understand the information I obtained was received with a little scepticism in Washington," he added.—United Press.

### MILITARY CROSS

Captain Robert Douglas Scriven was awarded the Military Cross for effecting a gallant escape from Shamshui Po Camp on February 2, 1942, trekking over 200 miles to territory occupied by the Chinese Regular Forces and eventually making his way to Kunming.

Captain Kenneth Andrew Munro, awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the landing at Le Hamel on June 6, 1944, under heavy enemy fire, he succeeded in occupying an outpost and directing the fire for his battery on the enemy positions at an early stage, thus greatly assisting the infantry to secure the first lodgement ashore.

Lieutenant Bevan Clarence Field, awarded the Military Cross for courage and outstanding devotion to duty during the attack on Weng-nan-cheng Gap where he commanded a platoon. Although seriously wounded and all the crew of his pillbox wounded or killed, he continued the defence himself with hand-grenades. He also displayed utmost gallantry in carrying out small counter-attacks, in one of which he destroyed an enemy section and captured their automatic gun.

### ROYAL RED CROSS

Sister Jessie Brown, P.M.R.A.F.N.S. was awarded the Decoration of the Royal Red Cross Second Class on January 1, 1948.

### BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Mohamed Yousif Khan was awarded the BEM in recognition of his great loyalty, courage and devotion to duty as a member of the Auxiliary Communication Service during hostilities in Hongkong, and for his services to B.A.F.G. during the Japanese occupation.

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### KING'S COMMENDATIONS

Mr Cheung Mau-sau was awarded the King's Commendation for Brave Conduct for services to the Military Forces during the military operations in South East Asia.

Mr Yue Yan-sen was awarded the King's Commendation for Brave Conduct in recognition of services of a special nature during the war.

### THE SPONSORS

Sponsors for the recipients included the following: O.B.E.—Dr. the Hon. J. P. Fehily, Col. H.B.L. Dowbiggin, Mr. R. S. W. Paterson, Lt-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, Prof. H. K. L. T. Ride, M. B. E.—Mr. R. J. Everest, Mr. D. L. Strellet, Capt. A. J. Rodriguez, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Miss W. Watson, Dr. Katie Woo and Mr. J. Jolly, CBE.

### Marine Court

For lying in-shore during prohibited hours at the pray wall near the Jordan Road ferry pier, Lo Kam-nuk, 40, master of a sampan, was fined \$15 or three days, by Mr Cairns at the Marine Court this morning.

A boy of 15, charged with a similar offence, was cautioned, as he was under age. Both pleaded ignorance of the regulations.

Woo Loi, 30-year-old couple, had his bail of \$200 estreated when he failed to appear in answer to a charge of causing an obstruction to navigation by allowing floating logs to be moored alongside the pray wall inside the Northern Entrance of the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter.

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CHANCE TO REFORM

Refusing the appeal, Mr Justice Reynolds said that Lui had pleaded guilty to a number of counts which included three burglaries which were very serious offences. He told Lui that he had had chance to reform in 1946, but had not taken it. He saw no reason why the Court should interfere with the sentence passed by the trial judge.

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Antrycide has not yet been tested against human sleeping sickness, it was explained, but this disease is less serious today since there are already drugs available to combat it.

The supplies of antrycide will be limited at first. The first to be supplied will be the Sudan, Kenya and Uganda.

Dr Cecil Crenshaw, Director of the Imperial Chemical Industries, said three tons of antrycide will cure about two million animals, and two or three tons would be produced next year.

Antrycide is purely a synthetic laboratory-built serum. It is a white crystalline powder which dissolves in water.—Reuter.

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## TEST MATCH

# SOUTH AFRICA FOLLOWS ON

Johannesburg, Dec. 29.—South Africa are in danger of suffering their second defeat in the Test series against England. They were dismissed here for 315 in reply to England's first innings total of 608, followed on and were 28 for the loss of Owen Wynne's wicket at the close of play.

The match ends tomorrow when South Africa, with nine wickets standing, need 265 runs to save the innings defeat.

South Africa's batting broke down when Bruce Mitchell was dismissed after batting four and a half hours for 86. They lost five wickets for 95 runs between lunch and tea.

Walter Wade, who scored 85 in three hours 35 minutes, and Lindsay Tuckett, who scored 89, put on 38 for the eighth wicket, which was followed by a ninth wicket partnership of 40 between Tuckett and Vernon Mann, who made 23.

Following on, South Africa made another bad start by losing Wynne for four, with only 15 runs on the board.

England gained the mastery after lunch when the score was 178 for three.

When the game was resumed, four South African wickets fell for 57 runs but a stubborn eighth wicket partnership held up the England bowlers until the last ball before tea when the total was 273 for eight.—Reuter.

## EARLIER PLAY.

Fighting back after losing Dudley Nurse's wicket for the addition of only one more run on resuming their innings this morning, the South Africans were 178 for 3 of lunch time.

Bruce Mitchell, one of the finest defensive batsmen in the world, and Walter Wade, the wicket keeper, by resolute and correct methods: wore down the English attack in an unbroken fourth wicket stand of 82.

At the interval, Mitchell was 82 not out, Wade 40 not out. Doug Wright got Nurse's leg before for 32 with the fourth ball of his first over, a googly which nipped through.

## TEAM FOR THIRD TEST

Alan Melville, who captained the South African cricket team which toured England, has been recalled by the South African selectors for the third Test against England starting here on Saturday.

Melville, who had suffered from a dislocated wrist, is now completely fit. The team shows only two changes from the which played in the first and second Tests. Melville and Wade are an off-break bowler, replacing Eric Howar and Lindsay Tuckett.

The inclusion of Melville should considerably strengthen the South African batting.

The team is—A. D. Nourse (Captain), A. Melville, O. Wynne, B. Mitchell, D. Wade, W. Wade, C. McCarthy, G. Green, M. Hanley, C. McCarthy and N. Mann, with J. Chesham twelfth man.—Reuter.

## CRICKET OR HOCKEY?

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Dec. 29.—Those who put cricket first above all other games as being the best sport for youth read with great interest the statement by Don Bradman in his farewell broadcast that cricket occupies a unique place in the lives of the British people because of the "great character building qualities inherent in cricket."

That, as has been stated before, is a matter of opinion and Americans, shall we say, are hardly likely to subscribe to the view that they are any inferior to Britons because they play baseball and not cricket.

Indeed, there are those in Britain who would put other sports above cricket as bringing out the best in youth and teaching youngsters to "play the game" in after life.

The value of football and athletics has been often discussed, but a new pica comes forward from hockey lovers. There is obviously much to be said for this fine game which, although today one of Britain's minor sports, seems to be gaining popularity in Europe, in Holland in particular.

Hockey fans say, and with every justification, that there is more fun to be got out of this sport than out of cricket, football or athletics. It is rather hard to explain this but it certainly does seem so.

The greatest all-round sportsmen of Britain who play many games would probably say that of them all the one they get the most enjoyment out of is hockey.

Perhaps this is because it is a natural game which does not require any great degree of skill or fitness until one reaches the very highest level. At this stage it requires considerable effort to get as proficient as are the Indians today.

When this level has been reached, the game becomes one of the most fascinating in the world to watch and there was no finer spectacle at Wembley than the hockey final between India and Great Britain.

Hockey ranks with rugby football as the most amateur of all sports, which is another good point in its favour.—Reuter.

## Sheffield Shield

Melbourne, Dec. 20.—New South Wales had to be content with a first innings lead over Victoria in their Sheffield Shield match which ended in a tame draw today.

The final score was New South Wales 200 for six wickets declared, Victoria 107 and 40 for four.

The explanation is that New South Wales attempted to force a victory, failed when only 78 runs were added when, New South Wales, 63 for two overnight, did not go for the runs even when they were offered.

Even then they were beaten by the occasional singles.

J. Meloney scored a net-out century, which included seven fours, in three hours. Arthur Morris made 39.

Victoria set to get 240 in 155 minutes, concentrated on time to gain the one Shield point for a draw.

F. Johnston claimed three of the four Victorian wickets which fell at a personal cost of 32 runs.—Reuter.

## OLD-TIMER LOCATED

## George Bodiker In Hamburg

Old Hongkong tennis players will remember George Bodiker, a champion of Canton, and will be interested to learn that he is alive and well in Hamburg.

A letter has been received from him this week by an old friend, and Bodiker reveals that he is married and has a family of two boys and two girls.

He wishes to be remembered to his one-time tennis opponents and partners in Hongkong.

**NOT NOW MADAM—NOT NOW**



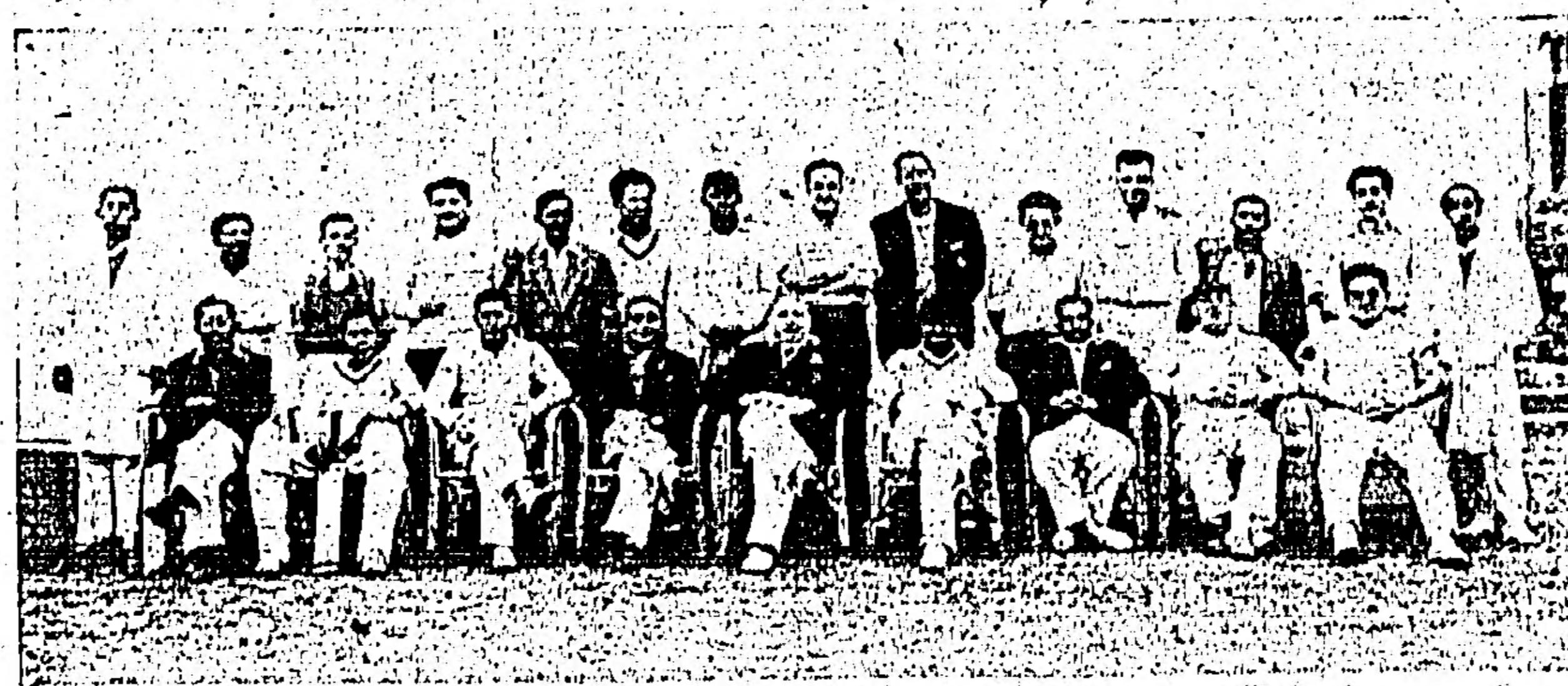
## Training Times

Sixty-one ponies were out for training gallops at the Valley yesterday morning.

Times taken were:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Good News	13.2	1.00	1.37.1									
Kolnky	33.2	1.00	1.30									
Jet Fire	33	1.04	1.34.4									
Skymaster	33	1.04	1.20	2.33								
Blacksmith	33	1.004	1.30.2									
The Alligator	34	1.07	1.37.2	2.00.4								
Dawn	34	1.10	1.47.1	2.17.3								
Houwangen	33.2	1.003	1.30.1									
Vanguard	33.2	1.003	1.30.1									
Jasmine	34.3	1.07.3	1.33.1									
Hongkong	34.3	1.07.3	1.33.1									
Slute	33.4	1.13.2	1.47.1	2.10.2								
Sportsperson	33.4	1.002	1.30.2									
Condor	33.2	1.03	1.43.2	2.10								
Madame												
Butterfly	30	1.07	1.37									
Highlight	33.1	1.04.1	1.34.3									
Araxi	33	1.13	1.46.1	2.10.2								
Ben Vorlich	33	1.13	1.46.1	2.10.2								
Roue Dot	33.2	1.004	1.31.2									
Clyde	33.2	1.004	1.31.2									
Flint Knight	33.1	1.06.1	1.40.1	2.10.1								
Hop Yick	33.1	1.00.2	1.40.4									
Top Hat	40.1	1.22.2	2.01.4	2.24.3								
Flint Alarm	34.3	1.07	1.30									
Stitching Castle	33.3	1.09	1.40.3	2.00								
Green Back	34.1	1.05.1	1.47.4	2.15.4								
Speed Wheel	30.4	1.09	1.40									
Green Velvet	33.4	1.02.2	1.50.3	2.15.3								
Airs and Graces	34.4	1.00.4	1.37.4	2.00.3								
Iron Mask	34.3	1.00.4	1.37.4	2.00.3								
Southeast Wind	33	1.03	1.31.3									
Huntington	33.2	1.01.1	1.29									
Sparkling Star	33.2	1.01.1	1.29									
Trigger	34.1	1.00.4	2.00.2	2.21.4								
Popularity	34.4	1.00.1	1.39.3	2.00								
Probability	34.4	1.00.1	1.39.3	2.00								
The Rosebud	40.3	1.00.1	1.49.2	2.20								
Pay Day	30.4	1.00.1	1.40	2.00								
My Love	34.2	1.00.1	1.34									
Sparkling Eyes	34.2	1.00.1	1.34									
Perfume	34.2	1.00.4	1.41	2.10.3								
Adult Mamid	34.3	1.00.3	1.37.2	2.07.3								
Bright View	33.2	1.00.1	1.35									
Enigma	33.2	1.00.1	1.35									
Eplind	33.2	1.00.1	1.35									
Tharphooler	33.2	1.04.4	1.30.3									
Tharphylium	33.2	1.17	1.40.1									
Atomic Power	33.2	1.00.1	1.40.3	2.10.1								
Tuyu Bee	33.2	1.00.1	1.40.3	2.10.1								
Jennifer	33.2	1.04	1.32.4									

## BOXING DAY TEAMS AT CRAIGENGOWER



The Bachelors beat the Beneficiaries by 16 runs in the annual Boxing Day match at Craigengower. Here are the teams:

**Standing (Left to right):** U. Thadani, A. Kuruneru, F. Woodier, T. Leonard, J. L. Youngsaye, J. C. Koh, L. M. Omar, N. Leonard, S. A. Fowler, J. Starkey, J. E. Mogra, S. J. Pestonjee, Lloyd Wong and Robert Tay.



# Unifying Germany Hopes

## DEPENDENT ON RUSSIAN COOPERATION

Washington, Dec. 29.—The United States, Britain and France still hope Russia ultimately will give up her stranglehold on Eastern Germany and agree to the unification of all Germany, it is disclosed today.

But they also believe it will take time, perhaps five years.

Diplomatic officials said the three Western powers were not convinced that Germany is to be split along the present Eastern and Western occupation frontiers. Neither is any serious consideration being given to a separate peace treaty with Western Germany.

But in face of present Soviet obstructionist tactics, the authorities said the Western strategy is to go ahead with interim measures outlined in the four-power agreements. They said all steps taken to assure stability in Western Germany have been proposed with a view to ultimate Soviet participation.

### WESTERN STRATEGY

The informants emphasised, however, that under no condition would the three Western powers agree to German unity "for the sake of unity." They said any future four-power agreement would have to be based on "fair, just and non-satellite principles."

This Western strategy was reflected yesterday in the agreement on a plan to rebuild the Ruhr industrial area of Germany "in the interests of peace." Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands joined the three Western powers in agreement.

Officials pointed out that the Ruhr accord meshes with policies being followed by the Western Union, the Marshall plan, the projected North Atlantic security pact and in the establishment of a Western German government.

Officials said the need for taking interim steps in Western Germany and Western Europe became clear following the collapse last December of the Big Four Foreign Ministers meeting in London. In the Western view, the meeting demonstrated Russian intention to hold Eastern Germany as a possible Communist wedge for the control of all Germany.

### CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

The Western powers accepted this Soviet challenge in June when they decided to set up a separate Western German government. The United States, Britain and France took on ever greater commitments in Germany when they decided to combat the Soviet blockade of Berlin via the airlift.

By taking a firm stand against Russia, the Western powers were said to feel that Moscow would be forced to give up dreams of a Communist Germany and a Soviet-dominated Western Europe.

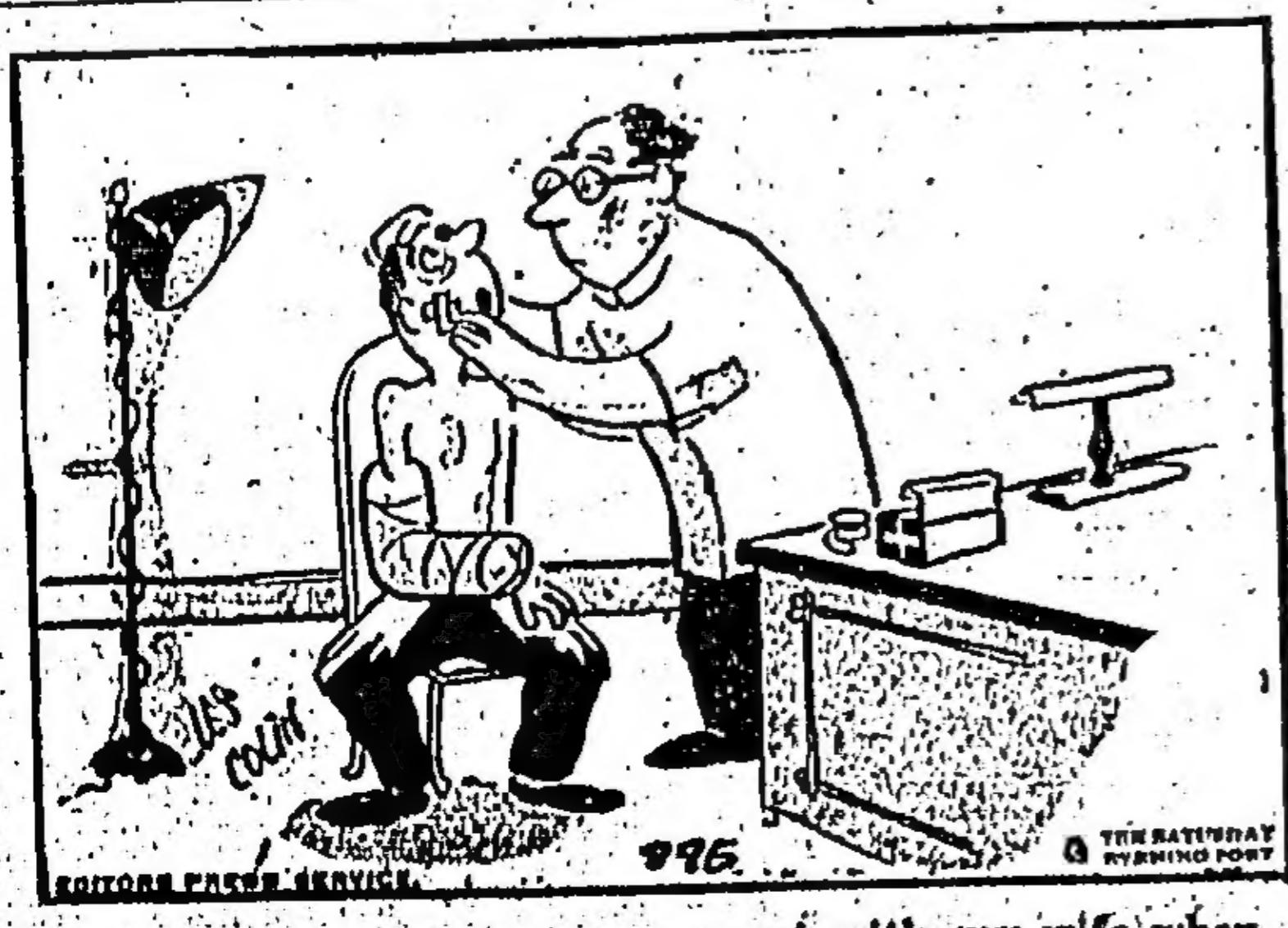
But officials said any change in present Soviet policies on Germany are not expected to come until the present interim measures have proved successful in restoring stability to Western Europe. They believed the job may take one to five more years.—United Press.

### RAINS END LONG DROUGHT

Sydney, Dec. 29.—Heavy rains in many parts of New South Wales and Queensland which broke the prolonged severe drought in Australia's sheep and cattle country, will continue, forecasts said today.

In Queensland, where 45 per cent of Australia's cattle are raised, rainstorms have brought relief to parts of the drought-stricken Central West.

Graziers said much more rain was needed.—Reuters.



# BIG WAVES HIT BEACH



## U.S. Less Vulnerable Militarily Today Than In Sept. 1947

Washington, Dec. 29.—United States Secretary of Defence James Forrestal recommended today tighter authority in America's National Defence Organisation.

He proposed steps to produce more accord among commanders of the three Armed Forces—Army, Navy and Air Force.

Mr Forrestal also requested an Undersecretary of Defence to take over automatically when the Secretary is absent. Mr Forrestal set forth his recommendations in the first annual report by the National Military Establishment to President Truman.

The document was written against the background of the first fifteen months of operation of America's unified defence system.

Mr Forrestal said he was "able to report that the state of the national military establishment is sound," that militarily the U.S. "is less vulnerable today than it was in September 1947" when the unification law became effective.

Mr Forrestal proposed designating a responsible head for the joint chiefs of staff.—Associated Press.

### MARGIN OF SUPERIORITY

1. The Army, Navy and Air Force have more men, more equipment and their combat capability is intact.

2. So far as can be determined, the United States has a "fair margin of superiority in practically every technical area of weapon development." Among other things, there has been an "appreciable progress in the development of improved atomic weapons" in the last year.

The report contained no hint on how far into the future military scientists are reaching. Mr Forrestal spoke cryptically of "the earth—satellite—vehicle—programme" as part of the guided missiles research and development effort.

There was no other clue.

This suggested the studies may be related to German wartime rocket researches which sought means of sending a missile or aircraft to the outer edge of the earth's gravitational pull. There it would become a man-created satellite. For military purposes, the satellite would be a platform from which to launch or guide rocket attacks on any part of the world. German scientists also were reported to be studying the possibility of using such a platform to concentrate destructive rays of the sun upon an enemy target.

### RECONCILING VIEWPOINTS

Mr Forrestal reported "substantial strides" have been made on reconciling divergent views of strategy held by the joint chiefs of staff. However, he said, "There are still great areas in which the viewpoints of the Services have not come together." Commenting on long-standing differences between the Air Force and the Navy, Mr Forrestal said:

"My own view is that the concept of the strategic Air Force has established itself as an essential part of modern warfare, although I also believe that the Air Force must be related to German wartime rocket researches which sought means of sending a missile or aircraft to the outer edge of the earth's gravitational pull. There it would become a man-created satellite. For military purposes, the satellite would be a platform from which to launch or guide rocket attacks on any part of the world. German scientists also were reported to be studying the possibility of using such a platform to concentrate destructive rays of the sun upon an enemy target.

### RACE AGAINST TIME

Honolulu, Dec. 29.—Ten war brides from China and the Philippines got as far as Honolulu on Wednesday in their race against time.

They will be detained here until Washington decides whether or not to let them go on to the mainland.

Mr L. H. Haas, the head of the immigration service, and the brides failed to make the deadline on Tuesday night at midnight because their plane was delayed at Guam.

About 1,000 war brides have passed through Honolulu during the past month.—Associated Press.

### Attempt To Blow Up Plane

Paris, Dec. 29.—A French tribunal in Saigon today sentenced to four years' imprisonment two men who in 1940 tried to blow up a plane carrying the late General Philippe Leclerc, the liberator of Paris and a former French Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China.

The French press agency, reporting the sentences said the general had escaped because his plane was delayed.

The attempt had been kept secret till now. It added, General Leclerc, killed in an air crash a year ago, led Free French forces in 1943 on a 1,000-mile trek from Chad to link up with the British Eighth Army in Tripoli.—Reuters.

# BIG WAVES HIT BEACH

## U.S. Concern Over Reds' War Criminals List

Washington, Dec. 29.—The acting Secretary of State, Mr Robert Lovett, said today that the attempt of the Chinese Communists to label Chinese Nationalist leaders war criminals is a matter of great concern to the United States government.

Mr Lovett also disclosed at a news conference that Madame Chiang Kai-shek visited him on Monday and reiterated her plea for increased American aid for her husband's government. He did not disclose his reaction to the Chinese First Lady's plea. But he said that the war criminal charges by the Communists were not under discussion.

Mr Lovett said that the war criminal charges by the Communists were a matter of great concern to everyone. He added that it seemed unthinkable to the United States government that leaders of the recognised government of China should be called war criminals by the Communist Party in China.

Mr Lovett said he did not think that the charges represented the view of the Chinese people or of

other governments. He said it was assumed that the appeal to him for United States aid was a reiteration of the pleas which Madame Chiang made during her visits to President Truman and Mr George Marshall.

The acting Secretary said that the State Department had no information or evidence to support reports from China that a truce in the fighting is being sought. He said that it was one of a number of rumours. He added that the United States is continuing to make shipments of economic and military aid on schedule to the Nationalist Government.—United Press.

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